

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Waldman *et al.***Confirmation No:** 1053**Serial No.:** 10/775,481**Group Art Unit:** 1642**Filed:** February 10, 2004**Examiner:** Peter J. Reddig**Title:** USE OF GCC LIGANDS

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REPLY, AMENDMENT, AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**Dear Sir:**

This reply and Request for Continued Examination is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Rejection dated May 13, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application. **The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.** Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

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